"But we must talk of it, we must," I felt, it's what I came for. If I would die

"You have heard it already," said Har-

ry, sadly. "No, no, Harry, I have not, I know I me now.

Harry Blake turned his head away, and

was si'ent.

"Harry, my dear boy," said the old man, cronching at his feet, and pressing his forehead against his knees, "my own dear have my statement confirmed from your lips. Don't be afraid of me, Harry; for here I swear, in the presence of God who he imagined. made us both, that I will not reveal what you tell me. Indeed I will not. Come, Harry, come."

"Caleb," said Blake, passing his hand kindly over the old man's head, "from my it." soul I pity you; but I cannot lie."

"You pity me!" said the old man, rising. "Am I the one to be pitied? No, no. not quite so bad as that; not quite so bad as that. I'll not believe it, say what you will. With my own eyes, Harry, I saw indeed I did!"

Blake shook his head; "You think so, I But your eyes deceived you. It's useless | want?" to dwell on this now. You have done what the law made your duty, in telling what you believed to be the truth. I should have had to do the same myself; and I freely

forgive you.' "No, no, Harry," said Grayson, with childish querulousness, "this will not do. Why will you not tell the truth? You cannot be saved now. All hope is past. Come, there's a good fellow. You met -- you quarrelled-words grew high-he attacked you,-and finally you-you-stabbed him. it? A man will do many things when his he sail. It was natural, and I think parimploringly in his face, whilst his voice changed from its assumed tone of vivacity wasn't it so? Tell me, my own dear boy, wasn't it so? You know you quarrelled with him at the tavera."

"I did, indeed," said Harry, gloomily, "God forgive me for it." "And you swore that you would have re-

venge if it cost you your life." "It was an impious speech!" replied

Blake in a grave tone, "and fearfully has it been visited upon me." "You left the tavern," continued Gray-

son eagerly, "took the same road which he had taken; came up with him-

"And found him dead!" said Blake. "I'll not believe it! It's not true," exclaimed the old man, striding up and down the room with his hands clasped together. "It's not true. Oh! Harry, it's horrible to go to the grave persisting in a

"Hark!" said Blake, as the voices of persons approaching the were heard. "It's was not disposed for further coversation, the hour, and they are coming for me!-Good bye!"

"One word, Harry!" exclaimed the old man, "are you guilty?"

"No!" replied Blake, with an earnest emphasis.

The next moment the door was opened, and Blake was summoned to go forth.

CHAPTER VI.

By day-break the country around was astir; men singly, and squads of three or four-womon and children, old and were all in motion, and drifting, like a sluggish current, towards the scene of ex-

It was a large field, in a retired, out-ofthe-way spot, hemmed in by trees; a place whose silence and solitude were rarely disturbed; yet now it hummed with life. Fences, rocks, and every little eminence of ground, were packed with people. The trees were crowded with masses of human beings, who hung like bees from their branches, and near the foot of the gallows, the earth was black with them, crammed and wedged together, not a foo -not an inch to spare. There was a great sea of faces, turned up at one time to the tall frame-work above them; at another, towards where the far distant road wound among the hills. Occasionally there was a scuffle, and the mass rocked to and fro. like a forest waving before the wind; and then came curses and execuations from the writhing,multitude; but by degrees, the tumult subsided, and they were quiet again. Then they looked at the sun, and wondered how soon Harry would come-they were weary with waiting. Some spoke of him as an old friend. He was a fine tellow-they had known him from childhood. "Has he confessed yet?" inquired one, "No, no, not he," was the reply, "He'll not give up till the last; it's thought he'll do it then. I heard some one say, that old Caleb Grayson was all last night in his cell, trying to pump it out of him; but he Caleb Grayson, looking imploringly was game. Caleb could get nothing from ward him. The old man caught his him." "Come, I like that," said the oth- glance, and exclaimed, as he ascended the er, rubbing his hands together. "That's so like Harry; I'd betten to one, he'll not show the white feather at the last. Ha!

who's that?" As he spoke, he pointed to a tall, swar- cannot, for I am innocent, ' thy min, who came forcing his way thro' the crowd, jostling them hither and trith- thy man who had stood during the whole

and you mustn't lay it himself on; once or twice, as some fellow u acted for the best, more sturdy than the rest withstood him, he turned and glanced at him, with a look of such savage and bitter anger, that the claimed the old man. "In spite of all that man was glad to let him pass. Thus on ness which he had displayed in coming, he but which I saw. When you rode up, the easy, I must know the truth; and I have foot of the gallows; and there he himself, come here, Harry, to beg, to conjure you taking notice of no one, and regardless that even in that dense crowd a small circle was formed around him, as if there were contamination in his touch. Above him, from the cross-piece of the gallows, have not," said he, "but you will tell it to the cord swung to and fro in the wind; and at times, as he raised his eye to it, a smile crossed his face, giving it a strangely wild was to be carried into effect on the day rubbed your hand on the ground, and those who saw him there.

"There'll soon be something to tighten that string," said he, to a tall, burly man boy, do confess to me. It will render who stood nearest him, with his good-namore happy a life that is nearly spent to tured eye runus from the speaker to the cord, as if it strack him, that the weight

> "Yes, there will, more's the prog said the man, in reply to the remark, after pausing for some time, as if in doubt whether it merited one, "I for one am sorry for

"Would you have the murderer escape?" demanded the stranger.

"Let him hang when he's found, say I," replied the man, "but Harry Blake denies that he did it, and I believe him."

Again that strange smile passed across you commit that murder. Indeed I did- the stranger's face, as he said, "Twelve sworn men, all of whom knew and liked Blake, heard the testimony, and know you think so; I'll do you that justice. said he did it. What more would you

> "I want Harry Blake's own confession, and we would have it, if he was guilty .-That's what I want, I wish to Heaven, I had found him with the murdered man. would have soon known the truth. I cent to the spot the next day, but it was too late."

"What do you mean?" inquired the

stranger with some interest. The man moved a little aside, and showed the head of a large dog, who was seated near him, with his nose thrust forward Ha! ha! that was the way of it, wasn't almost touching the stranger. "I went with that dog to the spot, and put his nose blood's up, which he wouldn't at another to the track. He went round and round. time. You hot blood couldn't bear all that and over the ground for more than a quarter of a mile. In the woods he found an donable; indeed I do." He placed his old hat, which he tore to rags. 1 believe hands on Blake's shoulders, and looking it belonged to the true morderer,-(he was smelting that hat this very morning, for I took it with me,) but he lost the scent .-to one of the deepest sadness. "Harry, Then I carried him to Harry Blake; but he would not touch him.'

"A strange dog."
"Damme, sir!" said the man earnestly. "Do you know that he's been snuffing about you for the last ten minutes. Curse me if I havn't my suspicions of you: d-d if

I havn't." The stranger's eye fairly glowed as he returned his look; and then he burst into a loud laugh, and turned to those

"Hear him! He says I murdered

Wickliffe, because his dog smells at my him to death." knee. Ha! ha! ha! Why don't you arrest me? The man, evident'y abashed at this ab-

something between his teeth, and remained silent; and the stranger, after eveing him for several moments, seeing that he and apparently not caring to be the object of attention to all eyes, as he evidently then was, moved off among the crowd, and stationed himself on the opposite side of the gallows.

The time lagged heavily. The crowd grew restless and uneasy; and here and there, one or two, irritated beyond their patience, commenced a quarrel, which came to blows. This created a temporary excitement, but it was soon over, and be degrees they grew wearied again. -They stamped their feet on the ground, to keep them warm. The farmers talked of their harvest and of their stock. Some of young, the hale, the sick, the decrepit, them gaped and yawned, and fell sound asleep as they stood here. Young girls flirted with and ogled their swenthearts, crowd, whose owner had been induct i to came only for the sake of him who was to escort her there, and who was thinking more of the young fellow who stood at her side, in his best apparel, than of poor Harry Blake. These, and the troops of lib. erated schoolboys, to whom a holiday was a great thing, even though bought by the life of a fellow-being, were the only per-

sons unwearied. But the time came at last, and a loud cry arose in the distance, and swept along through that multitude, becoming louder and louder, until it reached the foot of the gallows; and the whole mass swaved backward and forward, and rus I and crowded together, as in the distance the prisoner was seen approaching. With a slow, steady pace the soldiers which escorted him came, forcing open the throng, and keeping an open space around the cart which conveyed him. Harry Blake was exceedingly pale, but his manner was composed, his eye calm and bright as in his best days; and many a lip as he passed,

muttered a God bless him. He spoke to no one; although his face once or twice faintly lighted with a look of recognition as he saw a familiar face. When he reached the foot of the scaffold his eye for a moment rested on to-

"Now, Harry, now confess: do, Harry -for God's sake!" Blake shook his head. "No, Caleb, 1

"Ha! ha!" exclaimed the same swar-, heeding not the grumblings and curs- time at the foot of the gallows, and whom

had met at the inn the night previous .he went, until he reached the very forced his way through the crowd, and disman with you jumped off his horse and bern support to the Agraculturist, during appeared.

CHAPTER VII.

the trial received a note from a prisoner dy. You attempted to pull the knife see him without delay, as his sentence blood, and slipped from your fingers. You TOLBERT I ANNING, expression, that was long remembered by following. On his way thither, he over- going to a bush on the road side, broke off the cell toge ber.

> his forehead leaning on his hand, which and unshorn beard, and hollow cheeks .-He looked like one worn down by suffering and disease; yet one whom neither discase nor suffering could conquer, and to whom remorse was unknown. He did n move when his visiters entered, otherwi than to raise his he .d. As he did so Gr . son recognized at a glance the stranger whom he had seen at the tavern the night his face, and tell senseless on the floor. before Blake's execution, and at the gal-

"Well, judge, said he, as soon as he saw you can't get me out of this scrape. Must

I hang to-morrow?" The judge shook his head. "It's idle to hope," said he, "nothing can prevent your

"An applicati n might be made to the igher authorities," said the prisoner .--·Pardons have come, you know, even on the scaffold."

"None will come in your case," replied the magistrate. "It is needless for me to dwell on your offence now; but it was one that had no palliation, and you may rest assured that whatever may have occurred in other cases, no pardon will come in yours. In fact, I understand that an application has been made for one, by your counsel and has been refused."

The features of the prisoner underwent no change; nor did the expression of his face alter in the least. But after a moment's pause, he said: "Is this true, jucge-upon your honor?"

"It is," replied the judge.

"Then I know the worst," replied the criminal coldly, "and will now tell, what I have to communicate, which I would not have done, while there was a hope of escape. You," said he, turning to the judge, "presided at the trial of young!learyBlake, who was accused of murder, and sentenced

"And you," said he, turning to Grayson, were one of the witnesses against him. You swore that you saw him stabWickliffe. hong."

"I was," replied the old man; "I saw him with my own eyes.'

The prisoner uttered a low sneering laugh, as he said, tarning to the judge: "You, sir, sentenced an innnocent

"And you," said he, turning to the other, swore to a falsehood. Harry Blake did not kill Wackliffe. He was innocent of the sin of murder as you were-more innnocent than you are now."

The old man staggered as if he had been struck, and leaned against the table to support himself, whilst the condemned felon stood opposite him, looking at him with a cold indifferent air.

"Yes, old man," said he sternly, "you have blood and perjury on your soul, for I, I," said he, stepping forward, so that the light of the lamp fell strongly upon his savage leatures, "I murdered William and there was many a pretty fare ... that Wickliffe! I did it! Thank God, I did it, for I had a long score to settle with him. But Blake had no hand in it. I met Wick. liffe on that afternoon, alone-with none to interfere between us. I told him of the injures he had done me, and I told him that the time was come for redress. Ha endeavored to escape; but I followed him up; I grappled with him, and stabbed him. As I did so, I heard the clatter of a horse's hoofs, and I leaped into a clump of bushes which grew at the road-side. At that moment Blake came up, and found Wick liffe lying dead in the road. You know the rest. The tale he told was true as the Gospel. He was only attempting to draw the knife from the man's breast when Journal of the State and you came up and charged him with the murder!"

"Good God! Can this be possible?" ejaculated the old man. "It cannot! Vilain, you are a har?"

"Pshaw!" muttered the man. "What could I gain by a lie? To-morrow I die." "I don't believe it! I don't believe it!" exclaimed Grayson, pacing the cell, and "God in mercy grant wringing his hands. it may be talse?-that this dreadful sin may not be upon me!"

The prisoner sat down, and looked at the judge and the witness with a calmness which had something almost fiendish in it, when contra ted with the extreme agitation of the one, and the mental agony of the other.

At last the old man stopped in front of him; and with a calmness so suddenly assumed in the midst of his paroxysm of remorse, that it even overawed the criminal, said: "You are one whose life has been a tissue of fal-ehood and crime. You must prove what you have said, or I'll not be-

ings which followed him, as he dragged Grayson recognized as the person that he Be it so," replied the prisoner. "I saw rearing, feeding, diseases, and uses of all "That business is over. That's law!"- testimony at the trial; for I was there too, tion, and in a word, every thing beneficial And, without noticing the startled looks of I'll now tell you what occurred at the spot to the physical, intellectual and moral conthose about him, with the same reckless- of the marder, which you did not mention, dition of mankind, will be investigated. About three months after the execu- You then sprang off your horse, and whilst and utility of the work, the subscription tion of Blake, the judge who presided at Walton held Blake, you examined the bolist can be easily increased fourfold.

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> te is Harry! the old man clasped his hands across

It is needless to go into the details of the

prisoner's confession, which was so full and clear, that it left no doubt on the mind who they were, "I sent for you, to see if of the judge that he was guilty of Wicklifle's murder, and that Harry Blake was another of those who had gone to swell the ist of victims to Circumstantial Evidence.

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